



# SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

DATE: MARCH 13, 2003  
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### **SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO TARGET DRUNK DRIVERS.**

THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS COMMITTED TO REDUCING THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC INCIDENTS IN SEDGWICK COUNTY. IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES ARE ONE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY'S LEADING TRAFFIC SAFETY PROBLEMS. THROUGH A GRANT, PROVIDED BY THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, BUREAU OF TRAFFIC SAFETY, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO SOBRIETY CHECKPOINTS, SATURATION PATROLS, AND EDUCATION AS TOOLS TO DETECT AND PREVENT IMPAIRED DRIVING.

ON MARCH 15, 2003 THE DUI TASK FORCE WILL CONDUCT A SATURATION PATROL IN SEDGWICK COUNTY. SATURATION PATROLS HAVE PROVEN EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING IMPAIRED DRIVING, SPEEDING AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLE VIOLATIONS. THEY HAVE ALSO INCREASED THE USE OF OCCUPANT PROTECTION. THE TASK FORCE WILL CONSIST OF ONE SERGEANT AND FOUR DEPUTIES.

PRESS RELEASES FOR FUTURE SOBRIETY CHECKPOINTS AND SATURATION PATROLS WILL BE SENT OUT PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE EVENT. MEDIA RIDE ALONGS ARE ENCOURAGED.

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